

to say, western and outstate Nebraska, you can have some control over what it is you worked out among yourselves. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Smith. Senator Elmer, followed by Senators Bernard-Stevens, Cudaback, Baack, Schrock and Withem. Senator Elmer.

SENATOR ELMER: Thank you, Madam President. Much of what we said this morning need not be said over again. We're looking for some fairness in the way that these districts are constructed so that they can be mutually, how you want to best say this, so that the geo-political interests, the type of people that are within them, are going to be as nearly the same kind of individuals as we can be with as least disruption as we can. We're going to have a lot of unhappy people out there if the current plan goes through. I'd support Senator Schrock's plan.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Elmer. Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Madam Chairman. Members of the body, and I guess I respond also to Senator Smith, I'm not aware of any western agreement on this plan, Senator Smith, and I think if you watch the votes on the western senators whether their in consensus or not I think you may learn that there is not, I can assure you, a consensus on this particular plan. One of the problems I have in any type of plan is the purpose and the intent of the plan. I think Senator Schrock was very forthright and I've always, in fact I've gained in tremendous respect and admiration for Senator Schrock more possibly than he even knows, but the intent was very clear. The intent was that my good friend, Jim Cudaback, gee, he has 20,000 other people, I want to draw a map that will take care of my good friend Jim Cudaback and we'll do things around that on that principle, and that's not the principle that we run a statewide redistricting plan on. In fact, if senators just take a moment and look at the census data that we've had in the State of Nebraska, there is a tremendous shift in population. That's nothing new. The body knows that. And no matter which plan you look at you begin looking at the new numbers of people that senators have to represent, particularly in the western part of the state because in order to gain numbers, because of the sparsity of population, you have to gain so much new territory. Senator Baack is going to have to gain tremendous number of new territories and people.